

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A holder for a cassette for semiconductor material substrates, comprising a base plate on which a guide member provided with at least two guides in opposition, each guide having a respective end portion protruding to secure a cassette adapted for holding one or more substrates is secured, said cassette includes a plurality of recessed portions adapted to receive the respective protruding end portion of each guide, which wherein said cassette is arranged between the guides to receive the protruding end portion of at least two guides at opposite ends of the cassette in respective recessed portions of the cassette, which enable so that the cassette ~~to be~~ is aligned and identically situated with respect to the base plate upon ~~each~~ introduction to the holder, and wherein the respective end portion of each guide having a first side of the guide member which is facing away from the base plate ~~is embodied so as to taper inwards wherein and~~ a second side of the guide member facing toward the base plate ~~is also embodied so as to taper inwards and being tapered so as to form the respective protruding end portion, the recessed portions of the cassette having a corresponding tapered recess to receive at least so that~~ a portion of the guide ~~member~~ situated closest to the cassette ~~is~~ arranged at a predetermined distanced from the ~~base plate~~ cassette so as to accurately hold the cassette in alignment on the base plate within the predetermined distance of the guides from the cassette.

2. (Previously Presented) The holder as claimed in claim 1, wherein the second side facing the base plate is mirror symmetrical with respect to the first side facing away from the base plate.

3. (Previously Presented) The holder as claimed in claim 1, wherein, viewed in cross-section, the guides demonstrate a trapezoidal, inwardly directed profile.

4. (Previously Presented) The holder as claimed in claim 1, wherein the guide member and the base plate are provided with corresponding openings having the shape of an elongated slot the longitudinal directions of which are mutually substantially perpendicular and by means of which the guide member is detachably secured to the base plate by means of bolts and nuts.

5. (Previously Presented) The holder as claimed in claim 4, wherein the base plate is graduated at a location of two mutually perpendicular outer sides of the guide member.

6. (Previously Presented) The holder as claimed in claim 4, wherein the base plate, the bolts and the nuts are made of aluminum.

7. (Previously Presented) The holder as claimed in claim 1, wherein the guide member comprises two mirror-symmetrical guide members, which each form at least one guide, which adjoins a single side of the cassette.

8. (Previously Presented) The holder as claimed in claim 1, wherein the guide member is made from a material having a low coefficient of friction.

9. (Previously Presented) a device for the manufacture of semiconductor products in semiconductor substrates, provided with the holder as claimed in claim 1.

10. (Previously Presented) A device including the holder as claimed in claim 1, wherein the device is provided with detection means, which signal that the cassette for the substrates is present in the holder.